

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. CONNIE MCCA A ON BEING
2 NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S "BEST DOCTORS."

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Connie McCaa was one of the first physicians in
4 the nation to perform Lasik laser eye surgery; and

5 WHEREAS, she is a Professor of Ophthalmology at the
6 University of Mississippi Medical Center and is well-known for
7 performing cornea transplants; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Holmes County, Mississippi, and a
9 graduate of West High School, Dr. McCaa's father and mother served
10 as sheriff and tax collector of Holmes County in the late 1950s
11 and early 1960s with her father holding the job first and her
12 mother succeeding him; and

13 WHEREAS, an avid sailor and grandmother of thirteen, the
14 doctor's interest in the medical field developed when she was a
15 Mississippi College student grading papers for Dr. Arthur Wood,
16 Chairman of Mississippi College's Chemistry Department; and

17 WHEREAS, after her interest in the medical field peaked, she
18 went on to the University Medical Center (UMC), where she worked
19 as a lab technician and later earned both a doctorate in
20 biochemistry and a medical degree; and

21 WHEREAS, the "good" doctor doesn't limit her excellent
22 medical skills to her patients, she lends her services to
23 Hurricane Katrina victims and spends countless hours and weeks
24 helping victims with eye problems; and

25 WHEREAS, she takes her skills on mission trips to southern
26 Mexico to help the blind, having even operated on patients on
27 dining room tables; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. McCaa constantly promotes the importance of
29 getting annual eye examinations; and

30 WHEREAS, in August 1999, Dr. McCaa helped two recipients gain
31 sight by using the posthumous donation of the corneas of writer,
32 Willie Morris; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
34 outstanding Mississippians such as Dr. Connie McCaa, whose life
35 has been dedicated to the aid and assistance of visual restoration
36 and repair of citizens throughout the state, region and nation:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Dr. Connie McCaa on being named
40 one of America's "Best Doctors."

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Dr. McCaa, and to the members of the Capitol Press
43 Corps.